

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 917

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Beth Matusoff Merfish, who is graduating from the first fellowship class of New Leaders Council--Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, New Leaders Council--Houston is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is training a new generation of progressives to work together in the public and private sectors and to take leadership roles in the promotion of a strong democracy, social and economic justice, and equal opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Matusoff Merfish has devoted substantial time and resources to honing her leadership skills; she has learned from her peers and from experts, and she has developed a deeper understanding of progressive values; and

**WHEREAS**, She is an actively engaged member of her community, and she has demonstrated a deep commitment to building a stronger progressive network in order to craft a better future for Texas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Beth Matusoff Merfish on her dedication to the betterment of her community and state and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for much success in the future as a Founding Fellow of New Leaders Council--Houston; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Ellis, Garcia, Whitmire

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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